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FOR UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (ROBINSON, CHARLES W.), ENRG, NI

SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON TO NIGERIA

REF: STATE 207716

1. DELIGHTED AT PROSPECT YOUR VISIT TO NIGERIA. TELEPHONE CONTACTS HAVING PROVED UNPRODUCTIVE, I HAVE APPOINTMENT TOMORROW MORNING AT MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS TO DISCUSS ARRANGEMENTS.

2. AFTER ONLY ONE MONTH IN OFFICE NEW FMG BUREAUCRACY REMAINS IN THROES INTERNAL REORGANIZATION AND PRIORITY SETTING. PERSONNEL CONTINUE TO BE TRAOSFERRED, REASSIGNED OR RETIRED AT RAPID RATE. NEW COMMISSIONS OF INQUIRY, STUDY GROUPS, ETC. ARE VIRTUALLY DAILY EVENT. WE MAY FIND THAT PROSPECTS FOR MEANINGFUL SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH HIGH LEVEL OFFICIALS WOULD BE BRIGHTER NEXT MONTH AFTER BRIGADIER MUHAMMED'S PROMISED ADDRESS TO THE NATION OCTOBER FIRST. DOES YOUR SCHEDULE OFFER ANY OCTOBER ALTERNATIVES IN EVENT WE FIND WIND BLOWING IN THIS DIRECTION? I RECOGNIZE POTENTIAL MERIT IN VISIT PRIOR TO OPEC MEETING LATE SEPTEMBER.

3. WILL PROVIDE YOU IMMEDIATE STATUS REPORT FOLLOWING TOMORROW'S MEETING.
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